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	Description	Size (inches)	Scale	Price
<b>BASE MAPS:</b>				
Map 2-A	Wall map showing State and county boundaries and names, State capitals, and county seats in black, water features in blue. State boundaries are accentuated by green overprint. A buff background distinguishes the United States from adjoining countries. Insets show Alaska, Hawaii, the Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. 2 sheets. 1961.	54 x 80 assembled	1:2,500,000	\$2.00 (set)
Map 2-B	Same as above, without buff background.			\$2.00 (set)
Map 3-A	Base map, showing State boundaries and names, State capitals and principal cities in black, water features in blue. State boundaries are accentuated by gray overprint. Major metropolitan areas shown in yellow. Also shown in black are boundaries of national forests, national parks and monuments, Indian reservations, and national wildlife refuges. Insets show Alaska, Guam, principal islands of Hawaii, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, and the Canal Zone. 1965.	42 x 66	1:3,168,000	\$1.50
Map 5-A	State and county boundaries and names, water features in black. 1933. <sup>1</sup>	27 x 41	1:5,000,000	.75
Map 5-B	State and county boundaries and names in black, water features in blue. 1933.	27 x 41	1:5,000,000	.75
Map 5-C	State boundaries and names in black, county boundaries and names, water features in blue. 1933.	27 x 41	1:5,000,000	.75
Map 7-A	State boundaries and principal cities in black, water features in blue. 1916. <sup>2</sup>	20 x 30	1:7,000,000	.50
Map 11-A	State boundaries and principal cities in black, water features in blue. 1906. <sup>2</sup>	13½ x 20	1:11,875,000	.20
Map 16-A	State boundaries and principal cities in black, water features in blue. 1911. <sup>2</sup>	9½ x 13	1:16,500,000	.10
<b>CONTOUR MAP:</b>				
Map 7-B	State boundaries and principal cities in black, water features in blue, contours in brown. 1916. <sup>2</sup>	20 x 30	1:7,000,000	.50
<b>OUTLINE MAP:</b>				
Map 5-D	State boundaries and names only. 1940. <sup>1</sup>	27 x 41	1:5,000,000	.50
<b>PHYSICAL DIVISIONS MAP:</b>				
Map 7-C	Physical divisions are outlined in red on a base map 20 by 30 inches. Subdivisions and characteristics of each division are listed on the margin. 1946. <sup>2</sup>	28 x 32	1:7,000,000	.50

<sup>1</sup>Insets show Alaska, Hawaii, Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.  
<sup>2</sup>Alaska, Hawaii, Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands not shown.

# Index to National Topograph 1:250,000-scale se

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NATIONAL TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS

THE 1:250,000-SCALE MAPS named on this index are part of the National Topographic Map Series published by the Geological Survey, which includes several series of quadrangle and other topographic maps of differing scale and accuracy covering the United States, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Guam.

The early issues of the 1:250,000-scale maps covering the coterminous United States and Hawaii were prepared by the Army Map Service for military requirements. These maps, which are now maintained and published by the Geological Survey for distribution to the public, were compiled from topographic maps of the Geological Survey and other Federal agencies, from aerial photographs, State highway maps, county maps, and other available information. They are drawn on a transverse Mercator projection and are generally published in quadrangle units of 1' of latitude by 2' of longitude, and cover areas ranging from 6,400 to 8,500 square miles, depending upon the latitude. The paper size is about 22 by 34 inches. The maps are printed in several colors—main-made features in black, water features in blue, and woodland areas in green. Relief is shown by contour lines in brown. Highway classification and public land lines are shown in red, supplementary roads are shown in gray, and a yellow tint is used for urban areas. The contour interval ranges from 50 feet to, relatively flat areas to 200 feet in mountainous regions. Supplementary contours at one-half the basic contour interval are sometimes added in areas of low relief for a more detailed representation than the regular interval affords. These features are shown on a section of the Wimmerman, Nevada, map at this scale reproduced in monochrome on the cover of this index.

Six maps in this series—Apalachicola, Bryton Sound, Beville, James Island, Key West, and Miami—are without contours because they cover generally flat areas along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts. However, many elevations above sea level are shown.

A scale of 1:250,000, 1 inch on the map represents about 4 miles on the ground. Because of the limitations of this scale, detail is somewhat generalized and some small features are omitted. These maps are useful in planning projects extending over large areas, such as highway locations, oil and gas pipeline routes, transmission lines, selection of radio and television station sites, geologic investigations, studies of drainage basins, and for other purposes.

Alaska is covered by 153 topographic maps at this scale prepared by the Geological Survey. They cover areas ranging from 4,800 square miles in the latitude of Point Barrow to 1,000 square miles in the south. Many of the Alaska maps are also available in a shaded-relief edition in which the topography is made to appear three-dimensional by the use of shadow effects. An index of Alaska maps is available on request.

Puerto Rico is shown on a similar topographic map but at 1:500,000 scale.

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